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SAXMUNDHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1959

To : The Chairman and Members of the Saxmundham Urban
District Council:

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report on the
Health and Sanitary State of the District for the Year 1959.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

D. W. RYDER RICHARDSON.
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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS:-

	TOTAL	Male	Female
<u>LIVE BIRTHS:-</u>			
Legitimate	26	17	9
Illegitimate	2	-	2
Birth Rate : 19.0			
<u>DEATHS:-</u>	19	11	8
Death Rate : 12.9			
Deaths from Puerperal Causes		None	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year old		None	
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks' old		None	
Deaths from Cancer		4	
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea, under 2 years' old		None	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There was a small outbreak of Measles in the first half of the year. Three cases of pneumonia were notified. All these cases recovered. No cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year. There were no deaths from this disease during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

Sufficient water of excellent quality was supplied by the Blyth Waterworks for all essential purposes during the year. On account of the defect in one well, mentioned last year, and the prolonged drought of this most unusual summer, it was necessary to restrict the use of this water for non-essential purposes.

SEWERAGE.

The conversion of the system, as detailed in my Report for 1957, has been completed and results so far obtained suggest that the efficiency of the system is considerably increased.

1. HOUSING.

(a)	No: of Houses inspected	25
(b)	No: unsatisfactory	16
(c)	No: rendered fit:-	
	(1) Informal	14
	(2) Formal - Public Health Acts	-
	(3) Formal - Housing Acts	-
(d)	No: Demolition Orders secured	-
(e)	No: dwellings included in Clearance Orders secured	-
(f)	No: demolished informally	1
	No: demolished under (d) above	2
	No: demolished under (e) above	-
(g)	No: of dwellings in respect of which or part of which Closing Orders were made (including Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953)	-
(h)	No: cases of overcrowding known to exist at end of 1958	-
(i)	No: cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	-
(j)	Total No: new houses erected:-	
	(i) by Local Authority	-
	(ii) by private enterprise	2
(k)	No: of new houses allocated for slum clearance	-
(l)	No: of new houses in 1959 estimates allocated for slum clearance	-
(m)	No: of Improvement Grants approved during the year	2
(n)	No: of Improvement Grants completed during the year	1

2. FOOD PREMISES.

Number of Food Premises in the area, and type of business:

Confectioners	5
Grocers	6
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	2
Snack Bars	1
Cafes	1
Greengrocers	3
	19

(a)	No: of premises inspected	10
(b)	No: of inspections made	32
(c)	No: found to be unsatisfactory	4
(d)	No: rendered satisfactory:-	
	(1) Informally	4
	(2) Formally	-
(e)	No: of premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955:	
	(1) Ice Cream - Manufacture	-
	Storage or Sale only	5
	(2) Sausages, preserved food, etc.	2

(f)	No: of Ice Cream samples taken for bacteriological examination	-
	No: of samples found to be unsatisfactory	-
(g)	No: of Dairies Registered	1
(h)	No: of Milk Dealers Licences issued:-	
	(i) Pasteurised	2
	(ii) Tuberculin Tested	3
	(iii) Sterilised	1
(i)	No: of licensed slaughter houses	2

3. FOOD INSPECTION.

(a) ..Meat Inspected.

Is 100% inspection being carried out : YES.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed :	279	-	11	493	501	-
Number inspected :	279	-	11	493	501	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	9	-	-	-	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	3.18	-	-	-	.39	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	7	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	.36	-	-	-	1.59	-
<u>Other causes:</u>	9	-	-	-	2	-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generally and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Brief Analysis of "Other Causes":-

Parasitic, Tumours, Cirrhosis

(b) Other Food condemned:-

40 tins fruit. 12 tins vegetables. 4 tins milk.
96 tins fish. 3 tins meat.

Method of Disposal of Condemned Food:-

Meat : Suffolk Fat & Bone Co.
Other Foods : Refuse Tip (buried).

4. PUBLIC HEALTH (General).

Moveable Dwellings.

No: of site licenses	-	No: of Individual Licenses	-
No: of Inspections during the year	(a) Sites		-
	(b) Dwellings		-
No: of contraventions remedied			-

Rats & Mice Destruction.

No: of premises treated:	(a) Dwellings	67
	(b) Other premises	-

Disinfection etc.

No: of premises disinfected	-
No: of premises disinfested	1

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Frequency of collection	Weekly
Method of disposal	Refuse Tip
Is night soil collection undertaken?	No
Is cesspool emptying undertaken?	No

Water Supply.

No: of water samples taken for:-

Bacteriological examination	12
Chemical examination	1

Drainage, etc.

No: of new sewer connections made 2

No: of conversions to W.C. (Public Health Act, 1936,
Section 47) -

5. SHOPS ACT, 1950 (Section 38).

Number of shops inspected	19
Contravention found	-
Contravention remedied	-

6. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959.

(a) INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities:	3	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority:	21	5	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises): (Building Sites).	2	2	-	-
TOTAL	26	8	-	-

(b) Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	-	-	-	-	-

7. OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No: of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No: of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No: of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No: of instances of work in un-wholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
<u>Wearing apparel.</u>						
Making etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning & Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Items) Listed)	-	-	-	-	-	-

